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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in this application.

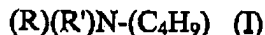
Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing a crystalline silicoaluminophosphate molecular sieve of the AEL or CHA framework type, which process comprises; forming a reaction mixture comprising a source of alumina, a source of phosphate, a source of silica and at least one organic template which comprises one or more tertiary ~~dialkylbutyl~~ amines of the general formula (I):



wherein R and R', which may be the same or different groups, are substituted or un-substituted aliphatic or cycloaliphatic groups, except butyl groups ~~wherein the alkyl groups are not butyl~~, inducing crystallization of crystalline molecular sieve, and recovering the crystalline molecular sieve.

2. (Original) A process as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of calcining the crystalline molecular sieve.
3. (Currently Amended) A process as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the one or more tertiary ~~dialkylbutyl~~ amines have the general formula (I):



wherein R and R', which may be the same or different groups, are substituted or un-substituted aliphatic or cycloaliphatic groups, except butyl groups contain from 1 to 3 or 5 to 12 carbon atoms.

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4. (Original) A process as claimed in claim 3, wherein R and R' are linear alkyl groups, but not butyl groups.
5. (Original) A process as claimed in claim 3, wherein R and R' are cycloaliphatic groups.
6. (Original) A process as claimed in claim 3, wherein R and R' are linear or branched alcohol groups, or linear or branched amine-containing groups.
7. (Currently Amended) A process as claimed in claim 3, wherein R and R' contain an a branched alkyl group having from 1 to 3 or 5 to 12 carbon atoms but not butyl groups.
8. (Original) A process as claimed in claim 3, wherein R and R' contain an alkyl group having from 1 to 3 or 5 or 6 carbon atoms.
9. (Original) A process as claimed in claim 3, wherein R and R' contain an alkyl group having from 1 to 3 or 5 carbon atoms.
10. (Original) A process as claimed in claim 3, wherein R and R' contain an alkyl group having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms.

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11. (Original) A process as claimed in claim 3, wherein R and R' are independently one of the following alkyl moieties: methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, iso-propyl, n-pentyl, iso-pentyl, n-hexyl, iso-hexyl, heptyl, iso-heptyl, n-octyl, iso-octyl, n-decyl, iso-decyl, n-undecyl, iso-undecyl, n-dodecyl and iso-dodecyl.
12. (Original) A process as claimed in claim 11, wherein R and R' are independently methyl, ethyl and propyl, most preferably methyl.
13. (Original) A process as claimed in claim 3, wherein the -C₄H₉ group in formula (I) is n-butyl.
14. (Original) A process according to claim 1, wherein the process is for the manufacture of a silicoaluminophosphate molecular sieve of framework type AEL.
15. (Original) The process of claim 14, wherein the molar ratio of organic template to Al₂O₃ in the synthesis mixture is less than 3.
16. (Original) A process according to claim 1, wherein the process is for the manufacture of a silicoaluminophosphate molecular sieve of framework type CHA.
17. (Original) The process of claim 16, wherein the molar ratio of organic template to Al₂O₃ in the synthesis mixture is 2 or greater.

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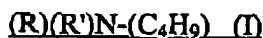
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18. (Original) The process of claim 16, wherein the molar ratio of organic template to Al_2O_3 in the synthesis mixture is 3 or greater.
19. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 1, wherein ~~the process is for the manufacture of a silicoaluminophosphate molecular sieve of framework type CHA or AEL and~~ wherein the molar ratio of $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ratio in the synthesis mixture is within the range 0.8 to 1.3.
20. (Currently Amended) A silicoaluminophosphate molecular sieve, substantially of CHA framework type, comprising within its intra-crystalline structure at least one template which contains one or more tertiary ~~dialkylbutylamines, wherein the alkyl groups are not butyl~~ amines having the general formula (I):
- $$(R)(R')N-(C_4H_9) \quad (I)$$
- wherein R and R', which may be the same or different groups, are substituted or un-substituted cycloaliphatic groups, except butyl groups.
21. (Currently Amended) The silicoaluminophosphate molecular sieve of claim 20 wherein the ~~one or more tertiary dialkylbutylamines~~ is N_2N -dimethylbutylamine.
22. (Original) The silicoaluminophosphate molecular sieve of claim 21, wherein the molecular sieve is SAPO-34.

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23. (Currently Amended) A silicoaluminophosphate molecular sieve, substantially of AEL framework type, comprising within its intra-crystalline structure at least one template which contains one or more tertiary ~~dialkylbutylamines, wherein the alkyl groups are not butyl~~ amines having the general formula (I):



wherein R and R', which may be the same or different groups, are substituted or un-substituted cycloaliphatic groups, except butyl groups.

24. (Currently Amended) The silicoaluminophosphate molecular sieve of claim 23, wherein the ~~one or more tertiary dialkylbutylamines~~ is N,N-dimethylbutylamine.
25. (Original) The silicoaluminophosphate molecular sieve of claim 24, wherein the molecular sieve is SAPO-11.
26. (Original) The silicoaluminophosphate molecular sieve of claim 23, having a platelet morphology.
27. (Original) A method for the manufacture of a formulated catalyst composition, which method comprises forming a mixture comprising at least one silicoaluminophosphate molecular sieve according to claim 20 with at least one formulating agent, to form a catalyst composition.

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28. (Original) A method for the manufacture of a formulated catalyst composition, which method comprises forming a mixture comprising at least one silicoaluminophosphate molecular sieve according to claim 23 with at least one formulating agent, to form a catalyst composition.
29. (Original) A formulated molecular sieve composition comprising at least one silicoaluminophosphate molecular sieve according to claim 20 in admixture with at least one formulating agent.
30. (Original) A formulated molecular sieve composition comprising at least one silicoaluminophosphate molecular sieve according to claim 23 in admixture with at least one formulating agent.